

City of Newport Beach

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



MINUTES 7-16-07

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, July 16, 2007.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Sandra Haskell
X	Michael Henn, Council Member		Barry Allen
X	Bruce Asper		Kristine Adams
X	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair		Susan Knox
	Kimberly Jameson- <i>excused</i>	X	Arlene Greer
	Matt Wiley	X	Timothy Stoaks
X	Brent Cooper		Jennifer Winn - <i>excused</i>
X	Laura Dietz	X	Ray Halowski
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Barbara Thibault
	Laura Curran- <i>excused</i>	X	Merritt Van Sant
X	Michael Smith	X	Robert Rush
X	Michael Pascale	X	John Moftakhar

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Ass't City Mgr. Sharon Wood	None

Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Minutes of June 18, 2007

Arlene Greer moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007. Dolores Otting seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Introduction of New Members

Chair Drellishak welcomed Michael Pascale and Timothy Stoaks, and each provided the Committee with a brief background on themselves.

3. Presentation on Proposed Amendment to Hoag Hospital Master Plan

Sharon Wood announced that Hoag representatives were not ready to give a presentation at this meeting. Committee consensus was not to schedule the presentation for the August meeting, but to request a presentation to the subcommittee and invite all members of the full Committee. Sandra Haskell excused herself from the subcommittee due to a possible conflict of interest, as she is a member of the Hoag Board of Directors. Robert Rush volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

4. Attendance Report for Fiscal Year 2006-07, and Discussion of Absentee Issues

After review of the attendance report, City Council Policy and rules in the City Council Resolution establishing EQAC, the Committee did not find that action was needed on the Committee's rules. They directed staff to remind members of the need for a quorum on future agendas and distribution e-mails.

5. Discussion of EQAC Role in Implementing General Plan Policies Regarding Energy Conservation

The Committee expressed interest in studying and providing recommendations on a broad range of energy conservation topics, and recognized the need to focus their efforts. The following members volunteered to serve on a subcommittee, with the first task being to scope the project and identify areas that EQAC should study.

Laura Dietz, Chair
Nancy Gardner
Ray Halowski
Arlene Greer
John Moftakhar

6. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Representative's Report

Ken Drellishak reported that EDC reviewed and recommended approval of the draft Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Sharon Wood reported that it would be on the City Council agenda for July 24, 2007.

7. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representative's Report

Nancy Gardner reported on a presentation on “green streets” and that the Committee is reviewing water quality grant applications to ensure that the City is working on the most important issues.

8. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported on the status of the Hoag Hospital and Hyatt Hotel projects, which will have Draft EIRs soon. She also reported that some property owners have been talking to staff about possible projects to implement the new General Plan, but no applications have been submitted yet.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Future Agenda Items

Briefing on Hyatt Hotel proposal
Presentation from Great Park Conservancy

11. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.